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Botswana

Addendum

Views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies presented by the State under review

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Botswana's position on 3rd cycle Universal Periodic Review deferred recommendations

Botswana responds to the recommendations on the understanding that 'supported' recommendation means those Botswana has either fully implemented or intends to do so while 'noted' recommendations are those Botswana has taken some steps in but not fully implemented the recommendations or is unable to implement the recommendation within this reporting period.

Reference	*Member State making the recommendation*	*Recommendation*	*Botswana position (Supported/Noted)*
128.1 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Italy	Enhance efforts to conform to the international standards concerning human rights, also by continuing the ratification process of the main international instruments.	Noted
128.2 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Paraguay	Consider initiating the international processes of ratification of the main human rights treaties that have not been ratified.	Noted
128.3 (International Obligation and no Cooperation with Human Rights)	Niger	Become a party to international human rights instruments which Botswana has not as yet become a party to.	Noted
128.4 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Sierra Leone	Ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.	Noted
128.5 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Burkina Faso	Consider the ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the International Convention on Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol, and incorporate these instruments into its national legislation.	Noted
128.6 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Mexico	Ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.	Noted
128.7 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Philippines	Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (ICRMW) and harmonise its National Migration Policy with the principles	Noted

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		espoused in the ICRMW.	
128.8 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Denmark	Ratify the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.	Noted
128.9 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Georgia	Intensify efforts to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.	Noted
128.10 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Ethiopia	Consider acceding to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	Accepted
128.11 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Georgia	Accelerate the accession process to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	Noted
128.12 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Azerbaijan	Speed up the process of accession to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	Noted
128.13 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Mauritius	Consider ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	Accepted
128.14 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Morocco	Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	Noted
128.15 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights	Gabon	Continue the process of ratification of international conventions to which this country is not yet a party, especially the ratification of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Culture Rights.	Noted
128.16 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Angola, Armenia, Egypt, Iraq	Ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.	Noted
128.17 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Honduras	Ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education.	Noted
128.18 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Portugal	Ratify the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and its Optional Protocol and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	Noted
128.19 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human	Sierra Leone	Ratify the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of the Statelessness.	Noted

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128.20 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Kenya	Accede and domesticate the 1961 Convention on Reduction of Statelessness to address child statelessness and lack of nationality.	Noted
128.21 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights).	Slovakia	Accede to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.	Noted
128.22 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Côte d'Ivoire	Accede to the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.	Noted
128.23 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Armenia	Ratify the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.	Accepted
128.24 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Rwanda	Consider ratifying the Genocide Convention in view of the upcoming 70th anniversary of its adoption.	Accepted
128.25 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Senegal	Ratify the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in education.	Noted
128.26 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	State of Palestine	Extend a standing invitation to the special procedures mandate holders.	Accepted
128.27 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Honduras	Extend a standing invitation to special procedures.	Accepted
128.28 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Ukraine	Issue an open standing invitation to the Human Rights Council special procedures.	Accepted
128.29 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Portugal	Issue an open standing invitation to the Human Rights Council special procedures.	Accepted
128.30 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Montenegro	Issue an open standing invitation to special procedures.	Accepted
128.31 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human	Chile	Fully cooperate with the United Nations human rights mechanisms and, in particular, invite the special rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders to conduct visits	Accepted

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128.32 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Morocco	Recognise the competence of the Committee against Torture to receive individual communications under Article 22 of the Convention.	Noted
128.33 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Adopt an open merit-based selection process when selecting national candidates for UN Treaty Bodies elections.	Noted
128.34 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Ghana	Consider developing in consultation with Parliament and Civil Society a policy framework to guide practices and procedures concerning international treaty process, which creates rights and obligations in international law.	Noted
128.35 (International Obligation and Cooperation with Human Rights)	Portugal	Adopt a national action plan on the implementation of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325.	Noted
128.36 (National Human Rights Framework)	Turkey	Finalise domestic implementation of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and the Convention against Torture.	Noted
128.37 (National Human Rights Framework)	Slovakia	Take necessary steps to incorporate into domestic law those international human rights conventions that Botswana has ratified.	Accepted
128.38 (National Human Rights Framework)	Zimbabwe	Accelerate ongoing efforts to domesticate the provisions of the international human rights treaties it is a party.	Accepted
128.39 (National Human Rights Framework)	Greece	Incorporate into domestic law those international human rights conventions Botswana has ratified, including the CAT, the ICCPR and the CEDAW, making them directly applicable to the courts and administrative authorities.	Noted
128.40 (National Human Rights Framework)	Zambia	Incorporate into domestic law those international human rights conventions that had been ratified, including the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the African Charter on Human and People's Rights, making them directly applicable to the courts and administrative	Noted

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128.41 (National Human Rights Framework)	Afghanistan	Ensure all incorporation of provisions of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women into the national legislation.	Noted
128.42 (National Human Rights Framework)	Kenya	Continue efforts to domesticate ratified human rights conventions such as against torture, on civil and political rights and the African Charter on Human and People's Rights.	Noted
128.43 (National Human Rights Framework)	Niger	Adopt laws to incorporate in its national legislation the international human rights instruments to which it is party.	Accepted
128.44 (National Human Rights Framework)	Russian Federation	Include provisions of international human rights treats ratified by Botswana in national legislation in order to ensure its applicability in courts and administration organs.	Accepted
128.45 (National Human Rights Framework)	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	Further consolidate its social and human rights policies, particularly in the area of economic, social and cultural rights in order to improve the quality of life, particularly of the most vulnerable groups of its population.	Accepted
128.46 (Equality and non-discrimination)	Philippines	Continue to address concerns on discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation or gender identity.	Noted
128.47 (Equality and non-discrimination)	France	Authorise sex changes.	Noted
128.48 (Right to life, liberty and security of person)	Indonesia	Continue to fully implement various international human rights instruments particularly CEDAW and CAT with a view to reduce gender-based violence.	Accepted
128.49 (Administration of justice, including impunity, and the rule of law)	Turkey	Raise the minimum age of criminality.	Noted
128.50 (Administration of justice, including impunity, and the rule of law)	Algeria	Disseminate further the legal aid program aimed at promoting access to justice, increase a number of offices for legal aid throughout the country and to extend the mandate of the legal aid program to include criminal issues.	Noted
128.51 (Fundamental freedoms and the right to participate in	United States of America	Ensure that all journalists can report freely on Government activities without threat or harassment.	Noted

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political and public life)			
128.52 (Fundamental freedoms and the right to participate in political and public life)	Australia	Improve legal protections for journalists, especially those receiving information from whistle-blowers or covering government protests.	Noted
128.53 (Fundamental freedoms and the right to participate in political and public life)	Netherlands	Refrain from using criminal charges to obstruct freedom of information and expression, including for journalists who receive information from whistle-blowers.	Noted
128.54 (Fundamental freedoms and the right to participate in political and public life)	Republic of Korea	Enlarge the space for participation of civil society for more democratic governance and social inclusion.	Noted
128.55 (Fundamental freedoms and the right to participate in political and public life)	Togo	Create mechanisms to increase the representation of women in positions of responsibility.	Noted
128.56 (Fundamental freedoms and the right to participate in political and public life)	Iraq	Increase women's representation in law-making, in particular in the areas of access to water and services.	Noted
128.57 (Prohibition of all forms of slavery)	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Amend the 2009 Children's Act to include the definition of child trafficking and to criminalize the worst forms of child labour.	Noted
128.58 (Prohibition of slavery)	Russian Federation	Take effective measures to prevent trafficking in human beings and to rehabilitate victims.	Accepted
128.59 (Right to work)	United States of America	Amend the Trade Disputes Act and Trade Unions and Employees Organizations Act to conform to international standards, including protecting workers' right to organize.	Noted
128.60 (Right to work)	Holy See	Take effective measures to improve the condition of migrant workers in compliance with international standards.	Noted
128.61 (Right to an adequate standard of living)	Malaysia	Strengthen further its efforts in the area of poverty eradication, including by strengthening and addressing short-comings highlighted in the poverty eradication programmes.	Accepted
128.62 (Right to health)	France	Widen the programs to combat HIV for non-Botswana nationals.	Noted
128.63 (Right to health)	Kenya	Affirm that there is no international human right to abortion and resist calls to liberalize abortion and further implement laws aimed at protecting the right to life of the unborn child.	Noted

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128.64 (Right to education)	Finland	Take all appropriate measures to ensure children's access to quality education, including, when possible, education in their own language.	Noted
128.65 (Women's rights)	Uruguay	Adopting measures based on the principle of gender equality, which protect women's rights and safety and punish any discriminatory and harmful practice against them.	Noted
128.66 (Women's rights)	Honduras	Review laws in order to stop violations of women's rights in the areas of adoption, marriage, divorce, burial and devotion of property on death and other personal law matters.	Noted
128.67 (Children's rights)	Germany	Establish a comprehensive monitoring mechanism on the treatment of children with the aim of disclosing cases of sexual abuse, mistreatment and neglect, including by introducing the possibility of taking children out of an environment which is not conducive for their development.	Accepted
128.68 (Children's rights)	Myanmar	Take effective measures to end violence against children including sexual abuse and exploitation.	Accepted
128.69 (Minorities and indigenous peoples)	Philippines	Increase efforts in promoting the rights and well-being of indigenous peoples.	Noted
128.70 (Minorities and indigenous peoples)	Benin	Strengthen measures to protect minorities and indigenous people living in the country.	Noted
128.71 (Minorities and indigenous peoples)	France	Strengthen the programs aiming at preserving and reinforcing the rights of people belonging to minorities.	Noted
128.72 (Minorities and indigenous peoples)	Canada	Ensure indigenous peoples receive proper access to public service and water, and repeal the hunting ban as recommended by the United Nations Special Rapporteur.	Noted
128.73 (Stateless persons)	Russian Federation	Adopt legislative and normative acts to ensure the rights of all children to acquire citizenship and ensure that no child is born stateless.	Noted
128.74 (Stateless persons)	Sierra Leone	Amend legislation in order to grant nationality to any child born in Botswana who would otherwise be stateless as well to foundlings.	Noted
128.75 (Stateless persons)	Belgium	Amend the Citizenship Act and the Citizenship regulations in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, so as to ensure every child's right to a	Noted

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		nationality.	
128.76 (Stateless persons)	Mexico	Adopt legislative measures, administrative measures and programmes which ensure the registration of all children born within its borders regardless of their parent's migratory status or nationality including refugees, foundling children and those born outside of hospitals.	Noted